Boston, 21 Cornhill,

Dec. 27/59.

Dear friend Webb,

At a late hour this afternoon Mrs. M. W. Chapman calls to ask me to send to Mrs. Harriet Martineau the sum of £40.16.0. — Our Banks and Bankers' offices are closed for the day, and I cannot get the needful funds to-day, to go forward by the steamship which sails hence early tomorrow. And, in this position, — as Mrs. C. is very anxious to have the payment made without loss of time — it occurred to her that you might be able, from funds in your hands, to pay the said amount to Mrs. Martineau, we passing the same amount to your credit here. — The sum is Forty Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, &c.

My little Boie may
which Richard do kindly send to her
"Illustrated London News"

and I doubt not you can pay
it readily, provided you have
not already forwarded to America
funds for the approaching
Subscription-Anniversary.- If
you send to Mrs. H. St., please
say that the money is from Francis
Jackson, Treasurer of the
American Anti Slavery Soc'y.,
and please write to me what's
you may have done and paid, in
the case, by first mail-steamer,

I can add no more now,
The U. S. Senate have voted to
raise a Committee of Investigation
into the Harper's Ferry Matter;- the
Comtee is chosen - 2 Slaveholders,

2 Northern men (Republicans),
and 1 Northern democratic
Doughface, and they are about
summoning ~~Stanton~~ witnesses
from the North, with a view
to get at the facts of the great conspiracy
as they pretend to think it, and
with the especial hope to
implicate leading Republicans
in the Affair, and thus damage
their Presidential prospects in
the next year's election.

Harriet Martineau's precise
address is doubtless known to you.
As we have it, it is - The Knoll,
Ambleside, Westmoreland, Engd.

With much regard to all your
family, and Richard especially, believe me
Sincerely Yrs Sam'l. Mayo

Rec'd Nov. 16.0